

taken away with the other. Most Americans, I believe, would support greater access to life-saving generic drugs. The loss to the drug companies would be small, and must surely be dwarfed by the huge tax breaks they get.

Nor are drugs the only arena in which the United States has used its economic power to advance some special American interest. The agreement with Chile limited its ability to restrict the inflow of speculative, hot money—money that can come in and out of a country on a moment's notice. Chile had recognized the potential destabilizing effects of these capital movements, and had imposed moderate taxes on these flows. Such restrictions had helped Chile grow a remarkable 7 percent a year in the early 1990's. That is because, unlike many of its neighbors in Latin America, Chile did not have to face the economic havoc caused by capital suddenly flowing in and then just as quickly flowing out. Today, even the International Monetary Fund recognizes that capital-market liberalization often leads to more instability instead of faster growth.

In telecommunications, too, in Morocco and elsewhere, we have put forward demands (for example, concerning the use of transmitting facilities and the wholesaling of transmission capacities) that we would oppose strenuously if someone were to impose them on us. In the view of the developing world, the bargaining has been extraordinarily one-sided—with all the power on America's side. The United States and its trade representative, Robert Zoellick, are right that trade policy can be an important instrument for building good will. But when conducted as it has been by the Bush administration, it can be, and is, a way to build ill will, especially among the young, who worry that their elders are selling them short.

If the trade agreements bring the economic benefits promised, if the lack of access to affordable drugs (including generic drugs) proves less troublesome than the naysayers worry, then all may be forgiven. But there is a good chance that this will not be the case: in Mexico, for example, real wages actually declined in the decade after the North American Free Trade Agreement. And looking ahead, the demands for capital-market liberalization have a good chance of exposing Chile's economy to disruption, while the AIDS epidemic and the need for cheap drugs to fight it are not about to go away.

The good news is that the damage has been limited so far because we have been able to pressure only a few small countries to sign bilateral trade agreements. The bad news is that the enmity that we are earning through these pacts will only grow.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, on July 19, 2004 I missed rollcall votes No. 391, the Viet Nam Human Rights Act of 2003, No. 392 concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world, and No. 393 Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act.

Had I been here I would have voted: Yes on rollcall No. 391; Yes on rollcall No. 392; Yes on rollcall No. 393.

At this time I would ask for unanimous consent that my positions be entered into the RECORD following those votes or in the appropriate portion of the RECORD.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. MCINTYRE. I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote 348. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 348, on Tabling the Ruling of the Chair.

IN HONOR OF THE JULIA DE BURGOS CULTURAL ARTS CENTER'S PRESENTATION OF THE 36TH ANNUAL PUERTO RICAN PARADE AND LATINO FESTIVAL DEDICATED IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF ROBERTO OCASIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, rise today in honor of the Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center's presentation of the 36th Annual Puerto Rican Parade and Latino Festival, in honor and memory of Roberto Ocasio, held July 16 through July 18, 2004 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Once again, the leaders of our Puerto Rican community have organized an event that promises to highlight the magnificent history and culture of Puerto Rico. This wonderful production of Puerto Rican gifts will include traditional culinary offerings, arts, crafts, and dance and song. Clevelanders of all ages and of every ethnic background will gather in downtown Cleveland to share in the celebration of this joyous event.

Moreover, the 2004 Puerto Rican Parade and Latino Festival is dedicated in honor and remembrance of Roberto Ocasio. His musical genius paralleled his love for his family and community, and his generous heart and gift of song will forever be remembered by Cleveland's Hispanic community—and far beyond.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of the leaders, members and participants of the 36th Annual Puerto Rican Parade and Latino Festival. This wondrous summer celebration promises to create a bridge of celebration from Puerto Rico to Cleveland for all whom attend. The history and culture of the beloved island of Puerto Rico springs to life every summer as the sounds and sights of Puerto Rico rise in hope, joy and celebration in downtown Cleveland, enriching the diverse fabric of our entire Cleveland community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I missed six votes in the House of Representatives on July 15, 2004. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

Vote on the Buyer Amendment to H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act

of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on the Sanders Amendment to H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

Vote on the Nethercutt Amendment to H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on the Jackson-Lee Amendment to H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

Vote on the Weiner Amendment to H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on final passage of H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

HONORING JACK W. SCHNOOR,
SENIOR FARMER OF THE YEAR

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack W. Schnoor as the Madera Chamber of Commerce and Madera County Farm Bureau Senior Farmer of the Year. Mr. Schnoor will be recognized at the Madera County Farm Bureau's 83rd Annual Members' Meeting and Senior Farmer Presentation on July 22nd in Madera, California.

Mr. Schnoor's dedication to his country and his strong work ethic have brought much success for him and his family. Born in 1932, he has contributed 49 years to Madera County agriculture. Mr. Schnoor farms over 3,000 acres. His crops include almonds, cotton, corn, alfalfa, barley, wheat, oats, grapes, tomatoes, and potatoes. He has been named as an FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer and from 1988–1996, was awarded as the National Corn Grower Association's Corn Yield winner.

A proud member of many organizations and the recipient of several awards, Jack Schnoor served as President and Clerk Trustee of Chowchilla High School from 1976–88, Trustee for Merced College, Treasurer for Chowchilla High School and is a member of the Rotary and the 20–30 Club, and served on the Madera County Grand Jury. In farming, he has dedicated himself to the industry by having acted as a member of the Board of Directors of Federal Lank Bank for 8 years and served as President. He is a member of the Madera County Farm Bureau and the National Corn Growers Association.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack W. Schnoor for being named Senior Farmer of the Year by the Madera Chamber of Commerce and Madera County Farm Bureau. His contributions to America's agriculture communities have been invaluable. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Schnoor for this achievement.